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WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1965

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E. J. GORDON WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer

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Health Centre,
Westham Road,
Weymouth.

February, 1966

To The Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the year 1965.


This Report is submitted in the manner specified in Form Port 20 which accompanied Ministry of Health Circular 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952. This indicated that a full report was to be made in 1955 and thereafter quinquennially while for the intermediate years only changes which occurred during the year should be referred to in Sections I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV, and XVI - all marked with an asterisk. This Report for 1965 is, therefore, a full report.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation, and Mr. E. V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times. I am also most grateful to the Divisional Marine Manager, British Railways, Captain R. L. Joyner, Harbourmaster, and the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Gordon Wallace', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E. J. GORDON WALLACE
Port Medical Officer



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SECTION I - STAFF *

TABLE "A"

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Appointment Held</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Qualifications and Other Appointments Held</u>
Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace	Port Medical Officer of Health	1-1-48	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.; M.O.H. Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; M.O.H. Portland U.D.C.; S. Dorset Area Medical Officer, D.C.C.; Physician i/c West Haven Infectious Diseases Hospital
Dr. P. G. Fox	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1-4-60	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. General Medical Practitioner
Mr. E. V. Abbey	Port Health Inspector	1-10-45	Sanitary Inspector's Certificate. Master Mariner (Foreign)

Address and Telephone Number of The Medical Officer of Health:

Office - Health Centre, Westham Road, Weymouth - Wey. 1645/6
 - Telegraphic Address "Portelth", Weymouth
 Home - 49 Spa Road, Weymouth

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE "B"

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number Inspected</u>		<u>Number of Ships Reported as Having or Having had during the Voyage, Infectious disease on board</u>
			<u>By the M.O.H.</u>	<u>By the Port Health Inspector</u>	
Foreign Ports	54	16,785	5	52	Nil
Coastwise	799	977,700	1	766	Nil
Total	853	994,485	6	818	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE "C"

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>	Number of Passengers INWARDS	150,158	<u>Day Trippers</u>
	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	154,095	

3,568

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS - vegetables, fruit, flowers,
poultry, shell and wet fish, oil,
timber and fertilizer

Principal EXPORTS - general merchandise, stores,
barley, animal feeding stuffs
and stone

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived: Alta, Antwerp, Archangel, Bremen,
Calais, Channel Islands, Copenhagen, Danzig, Dieppe, Hamburg, Hamina, Honfleur,
Koping, Kotka, LeTreport, Mantyluoto, Patemiemi, Rotterdam, Rouen, Sfax,
Skutska, Stettin, St. Malo, Vestavik, Wismar.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

NIL

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

1. Source of supply for (a) the district

Weymouth - Weymouth Waterworks Company's springs at Empool and
Sutton Poyntz

Portland - Portland Urban District's deep borehole at Friar Wad

(b) Shipping

Mains from the Weymouth and Portland supplies

2. Reports of Tests for Contamination

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester from the mains supplies in both Weymouth and Portland, and also from the Weymouth Waterworks Company's springs and the Portland U.D.C. deep borehole. The water supplies for both Weymouth and Portland are chlorinated at source. Reports of all bacteriological examinations are freely available to the Port Medical Officer in his capacity as Medical Officer of Health to the two districts.

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes

At Weymouth Harbour, the Berthing Master is responsible for the safe custody and cleanliness of the stand pipe for connection to the Water Company's main on the quay. Each ship regularly using the harbour has its own hosepipes.

At Portland the supply of water to shipping, i.e. R.F.A. tankers is an Admiralty responsibility.

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority

No water boats are maintained by the Authority, or by any other civil organisation. In Portland, this is an Admiralty responsibility.

SECTION VI* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

1. List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6)

Information, more up to date than hitherto, is now received each week direct from the World Health Organisation at Geneva. Fresh lists giving appropriate extracts from this W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record are now being sent each week to (a) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth, and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

2. Radio Messages (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district (Regulation 13)

This Port is not a "Radio transmitting port" but should the necessity arise, appropriate messages can be transmitted through Niton Radio, Isle of Wight.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2))

From time to time, messages are relayed from ships at sea direct to the Port Medical Officer by telephone from Niton Radio, Isle of Wight.

In this connection it is a pleasure to place on record one's high appreciation of the whole-hearted co-operation invariably extended by the staff of Niton Radio.

3. Notifications other than by Radio (Regulation 14 (1) (b))

The R.N. Signals Station, Portland, is most co-operative in deciphering and passing on to the Port Medical Officer, flag and other signals from ships in the district of the Port Health Authority.

Occasionally, messages are received by the Port Medical Officer from shipping agents in either Weymouth or Portland.

"Portelth, Weymouth", is the registered telegraphic address of the Port Medical Officer's office at the Health Centre, Weymouth, where messages can be received and necessary action taken thereon at any time during the day or night.

4. Mooring Stations (Regulations 22 to 30)

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "infected ship" or "suspected ship".

If, however, such circumstances should arise, the ship would be instructed to anchor in Weymouth Bay and would be boarded without delay by the Port Medical Officer.

In the event of it becoming necessary to detain any ship, arrangements would be made with Queens Harbour Master, H.M. Naval Base, Portland, for the ship to tie up to a mooring buoy in Portland Harbour subject to Naval commitments permitting this to be done.

5. Arrangements for:

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious cases - other than Smallpox

These are admitted to the West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Tel. Weymouth 16

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with Regulation 38 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles

The Port Health Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and modern insecticides for the cleansing and disinfection of crew's quarters requiring such treatment which is carried out under his direction.

Delousing of verminous persons and disinfection of clothing and other articles is carried out by arrangement with the Weymouth Borough Council which had a modern cleansing station and steam disinfectant.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from District:

Weyhill Hospital, Andover, Hants
Tel. No. Weyhill 214

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital:

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service, from
The Weymouth Ambulance Depot, Tel. No. Wey. 2661
(Dorset County Control - Dorchester 1761)

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectant staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace	- Weymouth
Dr. A. F. Turner	- Weymouth
Dr. C. Hollins	- Dorchester

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX (Cont.)

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox

Suspected material is sent to:-

Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale, London, N.W.9.

Tel. No. Colindale 6041

SECTION VIII^{*} - VENEREAL DISEASE

Male patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic at 1(a) Wyke Road, Weymouth (Portway Hospital Out-Patient Department) on Thursday evenings from 5.0 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

In-patient accommodation and treatment is provided for at West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Weymouth.

The Port Medical Officer, or the Port Health Inspector enquires as to the presence of venereal disease on board ships entering the Port and the appropriate information is given to the persons concerned. Printed cards are available for this purpose.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of Cases during Year		Number of Ships Concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases occurring on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

NIL

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. The Port Health Inspector carries out a detailed inspection for rodents on all ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out at the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1965.
3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control, including "1080" - Sodium Fluoroacetate. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

CATEGORY					NUMBER
Black rats	..	..	..	..	Nil
Brown rats	..	..	..	..	Nil
Species not known	..	..	..	..	Nil
Sent for examination	..	..	..	..	Nil
Infected with plague	..	..	..	..	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates
issued during the Year for Ships from Foreign Ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with		After trap- ping	After Poison- ing [±]	Total		
H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	3

[†] State Poisons used and number of certificates issued after each poison

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under Table F overleaf, Deratting Exemption Certificates were also issued to three coastwise vessels.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of Inspections	NOTICES SERVED		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British 679	Nil	12	9 Abated
Foreign 139	Nil	2	2 Abated
Total 818	Nil	14	11 Abated

SECTION XIV²² - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948

There are no shellfish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.

Under the Weymouth (Shellfish) Regulations 1922, a prohibited area has been prescribed as follows:-

"Portland Harbour and so much of the adjacent waters as lies to the west of a straight line drawn from the southern extremity of Redcliff Point to the eastern extremity of Grove Point, including the backwater of Weymouth Harbour."

SECTION XV²⁵ - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI²⁶ - MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.

W E Y M O U T H P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y

Weymouth

February 1966

To: Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace,
Port Medical Officer of Health

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1965 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port during 1965

				<u>Where Inspected</u>	
				<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland</u>
British	..	..	..	606	73
Belgian	..	..	..	1	-
Danish	1	-
Dutch	19	15
French	62	-
German	22	-
Greek	-	1
Maltese	-	1
Norwegian	14	1
Polish	2	-
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				727	91
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Number of Inspections made During the Year

Total number of vessels inspected	818
Re-inspections after the giving of Notices	..	..	20
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	96
Re-visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations	31
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			965
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Food Inspection

Five hundred and ninety-two visits and ninety-six re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Three items of foodstuff were condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below:-

<u>Foods</u>	<u>Quantity</u>				<u>Detained</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
	T's	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.		
Guernsey Tomatoes	7	8	0	20	5-5-65	7-5-65
" "	0	17	0	4	4-9-65	6-9-65
Jersey "	1	3	3	16	11-10-65	12-10-65

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1965 was:-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Q'rs</u>
Tomatoes	4,014,607	24,770	00	00
Potatoes	161,589	3,974	17	2
Other Produce ..	86,618	-	-	-
	<u>4,262,814</u>			

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year. Also to the officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and Staff, Shipping Agents and their Staffs and members of the British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly given to me.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector



